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## THE NEW YEAR.

Ere we get out another issue of the News, the first day of the year will have come and gone. Therefore we take occasion now to express our thanks to the business men of Arcadia and DeSoto county for the liberal manner in which they have patronized the paper. Especially do we thank them for their support since the fire. They have stood by us in our trial and we shall endeavor to prove ourselves worthy of their patronage.

Our subscribers have been lenient with us, though we have been tardy in coming out. This can hardly be counted a fault, as we have been forced to send away to get the paper printed, but we get the news all the same.

Let us all enter the new year with courage and resolve that we will do our best for old DeSoto the coming year. To one and all we say a Happy New Year.

## A ONE MAN MEETING.

At a meeting of the County School Board Tuesday, The DeSoto County Advertiser was designated as the official paper of that body for the year 1906—DeSoto County Advertiser.

The above reads like a "pipe dream," when all the facts are known. As a matter of fact, there was no meeting of the school board on the day mentioned, as one of the members was down thirty miles in the country on his pasture and another was at Bowling Green, leaving only the chairman of the board and the county superintendent to transact business. Hence it can be plainly seen that there was no quorum present, and the above action, if taken at all, was not legal or binding on the board.

It was the understanding of THE NEWS that bids or the awarding of the printing for the school board was to be left over until the January meeting, and we therefore were not on the ground at the meeting spoken of, and were not aware of the action until we read the above clipping.

It is not the intention of THE NEWS to complain, but if the above is true, it is certainly a "one man" action, and has no legal bearing. At the next meeting of the board this will doubtless be looked into, and until then we withhold comment.

Christmas at St. Petersburg was a horrible one, and the entire state read with sorrow of the killing of Capt. J. J. Mitchell, a special police, by a rowdy negro. Capt. Mitchell was well known all over Florida, and his death was a shock to his friends every where.

Place an ad in the News and you will get results.

When we get the new railroad we will be in the swim proper.

A Happy New Year is what THE NEWS wishes all of its friends and supporters.

Trains are getting a little more regular since the Christmas rush is passed, and a fellow can occasionally hear what is going on in the outside world.

Rumors of great phosphate deals can be heard on all sides, and from the indications South Florida will soon be on a greater boom than she is now.

DeSoto county offers the very best of inducements to settlers. Fertile lands, fine climate, good people and the purest of water. If you doubt it, come down and see.

At the next meeting of the board of county commissioners the bids for the county printing will be acted on. The various papers in the county will then be given a chance to clamor for the work.

Since our last issue the transfers of real estate in DeSoto county have been something remarkable, as can be seen by a list published elsewhere. No county in the state can show a more lively demand for real estate.

## THE NEW RAILROAD.

As can be seen in an article in another column, the new railroad to Boca Grande is actually under way and is being rapidly pushed to completion. Arcadia will be greatly benefited by this road, and every citizen should bend his energies toward offering every reasonable inducement to the promoters. One railroad in a community is good, but two are better.

This road will traverse some of the most fertile sections of Florida, and wind up at deep water on the gulf coast. It means that Arcadia will have a double outlet to the north, east and west. It means better freight rates, and that means a great deal.

Let us not lose our heads on the strength of getting this new road, but rather let us grasp the situation properly and use our best efforts to profit by the coming of this new road. We believe the people of this section will do it.

Polk county is not kicking over the decision of the judges at the Tampa fair, but has asked that we be given credit on some products we had there, upon which no allowance at all was made. So far the fair association has not seen fit to give us what we earned, but there is a day coming when counties will be wanted for another fair in the same place. Polk will be the judge then.

DeSoto county had her experience one year ago and kept out of it this year. The proper thing is for Polk, DeSoto and Lee to combine and have their own fair and bring the people to them—instead of helping to build up Tampa and the West Coast. We need to look out for ourselves and this is the best way to induce the people to come and see what we have.

There will be, so it has been estimated, some 3,000,000 boxes of oranges to leave Florida this winter. If this is true DeSoto will be the banner county, as not less than 400,000 will leave our county. Arcadia alone will ship over 200,000 boxes. This proves beyond a doubt that DeSoto is the home of the citrus fruit.

Over in Jacksonville they are making great preparations for the Pure Food Exposition which promises to be one of the greatest affairs ever held in the state. Jacksonville is noted for her enterprise and push any way, and in this instance she will not be found lacking.

We note that our neighbor up the way, the Courier Informant, is going to issue a special trade edition and will set forth in a general way the advantage of that section. Such a thing would be a winner in DeSoto, and we may decide to try it later on.

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